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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

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 2. SUMMARY: DURING HIS JANUARY 23-25 VISIT TO PARIS
 FOR TRILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON ZAIRE (SEPTEL), A/S MOOSE
 ALSO EXCHANGED VIEWS AT THE QUAI, THE ELYSEE AND THE
 MINISTRY OF COOPERATION ON OTHER AFRICA ISSUES,
 INCLUDING: BURUNDI, CAMEROON, CONGO, DJIBOUTI,
 ETHIOPIA, RWANDA, SUDAN, TOGO, AND THE CFA
 DEVALUATION. ALTHOUGH THERE WERE FEW SURPRISES IN
 THESE MEETINGS, MOOSE EMPHASIZED OUR SUPPORT FOR THE
 DECISION TO DEVALUE AND NOTED THAT DESPITE LIMITED
 RESOURCES, THE USG IS CONSIDERING STEPS THAT COULD HELP
 CUSHION THE SHOCK FOR THE POOREST STATES. MOOSE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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BRIEFED HIS INTERLOCUTORS ON HIS RECENT VISIT TO THE HORN OF AFRICA INCLUDING SOMALIA AND ON DAS BUSHNELL'S DISCUSSIONS IN LIBERIA. HE ALSO PROVIDED A STATUS REPORT ON THE ANGOLA NEGOTIATIONS IN LUSAKA. DISCUSSIONS ON SOUTH AFRICA AND GABON HAVE ALREADY BEEN REPORTED VIA SEPTELS. WE WILL SEND A SEPARATE MESSAGE ON CHAD AND SUDAN. END SUMMARY.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE JANUARY 24 TRILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON ZAIRE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE ALSO DISCUSSED OTHER AFRICAN ISSUES WITH INTERLOCUTORS

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CFA DEVALUATION

4. AFTER CONGRATULATING [REDACTED] FOR

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TAKING THE DIFFICULT CFA DEVALUATION DECISION, MOOSE
NOTED THAT WE WOULD BE SENDING LETTERS OF
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LEADERS OF THE CFA STATES TO
EXPRESS OUR SUPPORT FOR THEIR DECISION AND
ENCOURAGEMENT TO REACH AGREEMENTS WITH THE IFIS. HE
ALSO STATED THAT U.S. REPRESENTATIVES AT THE IFIS WILL
MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE AS FLEXIBLE AS POSSIBLE WHEN
CONSIDERING THE AGREEMENTS FOR THE CFA STATES.

[REDACTED]

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5. MOOSE CONTINUED THAT THE U.S. MIGHT BE ABLE TO
CANCEL UP TO 50 PERCENT DEBT FOR THE POOREST STATES IN
THE CFA ZONE BUT THE (FORMER) INTERMEDIATE REVENUE
COUNTRIES (CONGO, CAMEROON, COTE D'IVOIRE), WE ALMOST
CERTAINLY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL
RELIEF. THAT SAID, WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO SUCH
STEPS BEING TAKEN BY OTHERS. MOOSE ALSO EXPLAINED THAT
USAID IS LOOKING AT WAYS TO REPROGRAM SOME FUNDS TO
HELP THE CFA ZONE STATES QUICKLY BUT WITHIN EXISTING

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RESOURCES.

6. ALL THE GOF OFFICIALS NOTED THAT THE RESPONSE HAD BEEN MORE MUTED THAN HAD BEEN EXPECTED, PERHAPS IN PART DUE TO CONFUSION AMONG THE GENERAL POPULATION AND TO IMPOSITION OF PRICE CONTROLS. [REDACTED]

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BURUNDI

7. MOOSE NOTED THAT HE HAD RECENTLY MET WITH OAU SECRETARY GENERAL SALIM SALIM, WHO WILL BE TRAVELING TO

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BURUNDI ON JANUARY 24 FOR TO ASSURE HIMSELF THAT THERE
IS NO OPPOSITION EITHER IN THE GOVERNMENT, THE TUTSI
COMMUNITY OR THE MILITARY TO THE DEPLOYMENT OF OAU
PEACEKEEPING CONTINGENT. [REDACTED] NOTED THE

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DISTURBING SITUATION IN NORTH KIVU, AS A RESULT OF THE
DISAPPEARANCE OF THE ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT, THE INFILTRATION OF
REFUGEES FROM BURUNDI AND RWANDA ACCCOMPANIED BY A LARGE
INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF ARMS IN THE REGION. HE ALSO
STATED THAT THE (JUNIOR) MINISTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND
HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS MICHaux-CHEVREY WILL BE MAKING A
VISIT SHORTLY TO RWANDA AND BURUNDI, WITH A FOCUS ON
HER HUMANITARIAN PORTFOLIO.

CAMEROON

[Redacted Box] 1.4(B), 1.4(D)

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CONGO

9. MOOSE BRIEFED [REDACTED] ON THE
FIGHTING THAT TOOK PLACE IN THE VICINITY OF [REDACTED]
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AMBASSADOR RAMSAY'S RESIDENCE WHICH FORCED HIM TO SEEK
SHELTER ELSEWHERE AND THE DECISION TO DRAW DOWN
NON-ESSENTIAL USG PERSONNEL. [REDACTED]

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DJIBOUTI

11. MOOSE PROVIDED [REDACTED] A READOUT ON HIS
RECENT VISIT TO DJIBOUTI AND PRAISED THE WORK OF
FOREIGN MINISTER MOHAMED, PARTICULARLY IN ARRANGING FOR
THE RELEASE OF AFAR PRISONERS HELD BY THE GOVERNMENT.
HOWEVER, MOOSE CONTINUED, [REDACTED] GIVES THE IMPRESSION
OF NOT BEING OVERLY INTERESTED IN ADVANCING THE
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DIALOGUE BECAUSE OF HIS MILITARY STRENGTH AT THIS

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TIME. [REDACTED] AGREED WITH MOOSE'S ASSESSMENT AND NOTED
THAT [REDACTED] WILL BE TRAVELING SHORTLY TO GENEVA FOR
MEDICAL CARE AND THEN WILL COME TO FRANCE. [REDACTED]
BRIEFLY REVIEWED THE UPCOMING GOF MISSION TO DJIBOUTI
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12. MOOSE NOTED THAT THE ARREST OF OPPOSITION
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POLITICAL LEADERS DURING THE DECEMBER RECONCILIATION
CONFERENCE IS A PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT ISSUE. GIVEN
THE CONTRADICTORY ASSERTIONS OF THE TGE AND THE
OPPOSITION PARTIES, IT IS SOMETIMES DIFFICULT TO TELL
WHERE THE TRUTH LIES. MOOSE NOTED THAT WE HAD PRESSED
THE TGE TO THINK MORE CAREFULLY ABOUT TAKING ACTIONS
THAT TARNISH ETHIOPIA'S GOOD REPUTATION ABROAD AND
URGED THAT THIS PRISONERS BE RELEASED. DURING HIS
RECENT STOP, MOOSE WAS INFORMED HIM THAT ALL BUT ONE OF
THE REMAINING FIVE IMPRISONED OPPOSITION FIGURES WILL
BE OUT SHORTLY. THE NEXT IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT WILL BE
THE JUNE CONSTITUTIONAL ELECTIONS AND WE HAVE AGREED TO
PROVIDE SOME AID, MOOSE STATED. WE HAVE STRESSED TO
THE TGE THE NEED FOR ALL PARTIES TO BE ABLE TO
PARTICIPATE -- WHETHER THEY CHOOSE TO DO SO IS UP TO
THEM.

RWANDA

13. [REDACTED] NOTED THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
ARUSHA ACCORDS HAS BEEN BLOCKED BY POLITICAL
SQUABBLING BETWEEN PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA, THE PRIME
MINISTER AND THE RPF. HE EXPRESSED A STRONG CONCERN
THAT CONTINUED STALEMATE COULD EFFECT ETHNIC TENSIONS
IN RWANDA. AFTER NOTING THAT ON TOP OF THE DIFFERENCES
BETWEEN RWANDAN POLITICAL PARTIES, SOME OF THEM ARE
ALSO SHOWING STRONG INTERNAL DIVISIONS, THUS FURTHER
COMPLICATING EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THE ACCORDS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] POINTED OUT THAT PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA SEEMS
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TO BE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT THE LIBERAL PARTY
WILL REOPEN QUESTIONS ABOUT PAST GOVERNMENT HUMAN
RIGHTS ABUSES, ESPECIALLY IF IT RECEIVES THE POST OF
MINISTER OF JUSTICE IN THE TRANSITION GOVERNMENT. HE

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ADDED THAT HABYARIMANA SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN FRIGHTENED BY THE SITUATION IN NEIGHBORING BURUNDI.

14. AFTER NOTING THE NUMBER OF DEMARCHE ALREADY MADE WITHOUT MUCH SUCCESS IN KIGALI, [REDACTED] SUGGESTED THAT THE TRILATERAL STATES CONSIDER A NEW APPROACH TO THE GOR, THE PARTIES AND THE RPF URGING THAT THEY ACCELERATE EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES. MOOSE SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS THE TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR RESIDENT IN KIGALI (IN HIS ROLE AS MEDIATOR FOR THE ARUSHA ACCORDS) SHOULD CALL A MEETING OF THE CONCERNED PARTIES IN AN EFFORT TO IRON OUT DIFFERENCES. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AGREED BUT NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF NOT UNDERCUTTING THE ROLE OF THE SGSR BOOH-BOOH.

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TOGO

15. [REDACTED] HAS REITERATED TO GHANA PRESIDENT RAWLINGS THE NEED TO KEEP TIGHT CONTROL OVER HIS BORDER WITH TOGO TO AVOID ANOTHER INCIDENT. MOOSE NOTED THAT WE HAD SENT A SIMILAR MESSAGE TO ACCRA, FOR WHICH [REDACTED] EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION. [REDACTED] OPINED THAT SHOULD ANOTHER SUCH INCIDENT OCCUR, THE RESPONSE BY EYADEMA IS LIKELY TO BE FAR SHARPER THAN DURING THE FIRST INCIDENT. TURNING TO THE UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS, [REDACTED] STATED THAT HIS

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JUST-RETURNED AIDE, [REDACTED] HAD WON APPROVAL OF FOREIGN MINISTER NATCHABA FOR AMERICAN AND GERMAN OBSERVERS TO PARTICIPATE, WHICH IS A WELCOME SIGN.

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16. MOOSE INQUIRED IF [REDACTED] WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE OPPOSITION WOULD INDEED PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTIONS AND NOTED OPPOSITION CONCERNS OVER THE STILL UNRESOLVED

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ISSUE OF RESOLVING ELECTION DISPUTES. [REDACTED]
RESPONDED THAT HE WAS AWARE OF OPPOSITION VIEWS ON THE
ELECTORAL ROLE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT BUT NOTED
THAT THE OPPOSITION HAS HAD AMPLE TIME TO RAISE THIS
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MATTER EARLIER "AND IS ALWAYS SEEKING AN EXCUSE FOR
ANOTHER POSTPONEMENT." AFTER RECALLING THE DELAYS AND
CONFUSION IN TOGO'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, [REDACTED]
REJECTED THE POSSIBILITY OF CALLING INTO QUESTION THE
ROLE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT THIS CLOSE TO VOTING
DAY. MOOSE NOTED THAT SOME ADDITIONAL

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CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES COULD STILL BE FOUND THAT
WOULD NOT UNDERMINE THE EXISTING COURT.

17. [REDACTED] OPINED THAT THE "IDEAL OUTCOME" OF THE
UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS WILL BE FOR THE
OPPOSITION TO WIN ENOUGH SEATS TO FORCE EYADEMA TO TAKE
ITS VIEWS INTO ACCOUNT. THE KEY IS TO DEVELOP A
CONSENSUS ON THE MEASURES NECESSARY TO RELAUNCH THE
TOGOLESE ECONOMY, WHICH IS "DEAD IN THE WATER." MOOSE
ASKED IF [REDACTED] WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT TOGO WOULD BE ABLE
TO REACH AN AGREEMENT WITH THE IFIS GIVEN ITS POLITICAL
INSTABILITY. [REDACTED] SHRUGGED AND NOTED THAT THE
COUNTRY NEEDS A PERIOD OF CALM TO ABSORB THE CFA
DEVALUATION AND TO GET BACK ON ITS FEET. [REDACTED]

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18. A/S MOOSE CLEARED THIS MESSAGE AFTER DEPARTING
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HARRIMAN

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